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SUBJECT: PROHIBITION ON US FUEL FOR THAI ARMED FORCES

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1. I WISH TO UNDERLINE POINT MADE REFTEL THAT PROHIBITION ON FMS SALES TO THAI ARMED FORCES, PARTICULARLY OF AFBAS, COULD HAVE ADVERSE OPERATIONAL AND POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS ON US AIR FORCE IN THAILAND. REFTEL SUGGESTS POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES TO ALLEVIATE IMPACT. IT ALSO POINTS OUT THAT CONTINUATION OF FMS CASE ON BASIS THAT STOCKS WOULD BE REPLENISHED BY NON-CONUS PRODUCED POL WOULD ONLY BE PRACTICABLE IF MACTHAI RECEIVES TIMELY ADVANCE INFORMATION ON QUANTITIES AND COUNTRY SOURCE OF DELIVERIES; THIS ALSO ASSUMES THAT ADEQUATE AMOUNTS OF SUCH DELIVERIES WOULD COME FROM NON-CONUS SOURCES.

2. I STRONGLY URGE THAT ALL POSSIBLE AVENUES BE EXPLORED TO AVOID SERIOUS OPERATIONAL/FINANCIAL IMPACT ON THAI ARMED FORCES WHICH IN TURN COULD HAVE SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS ON US INTRESTS IN THAILAND.

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